

Appln. No. 10/822,951
Amndt. dated November 7, 2005
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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the Application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-14 of United States Patent No. 6,720,708.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 8 and 12-14 are objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims if a terminal disclaimer is filed.

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herein along with the required fee thereby rendering the double patent rejection as moot.

In addition, the claims have been amended to accept the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2 and therefore is believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 21 combines original claim 1 with the limitations of claim 8 and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 22-36 scope claim 21.

New claim 37 combines original claim 1 with the limitation of claim 12 and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 38-51 scope claim 37.

Claims 2 and 19-20 have been cancelled.

In consideration of the amendments to the claims and the remarks hereinabove, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims currently pending in the application are

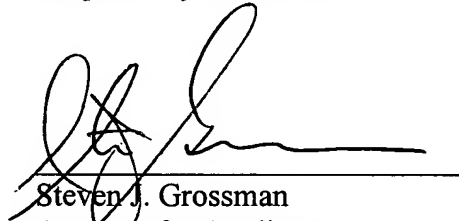
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believed to be in condition for examination. Allowance at an early date is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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